

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-53. (Canceled)

Claim 54. (Currently Amended) A method for wound care, comprising administering a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) —— having a pH below 3; or
- b) —— containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A method for oral care, comprising administering a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) —— having a pH below 3; or
- b) —— containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) A method for decontamination of inert surfaces comprising administering a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) —— having a pH below 3; or
- b) —— containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 57. (Currently Amended) A method for decontamination of food products, comprising administering a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) —— having a pH below 3; or
- b) —— containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the inert surfaces comprise surgical instruments.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, wherein the food products to be treated comprise meat.

Claim 60. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 54~~ claim 68, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 61. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 55~~ claim 69, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 62. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 56~~ claim 70, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 63. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 57~~ claim 71, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 65. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 55, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 56, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

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Claim 68. (New) The method of Claim 54 further comprising a metal chelating agent.

Claim 69. (New) The method of Claim 55 further comprising a metal chelating agent.

Claim 70. (New) The method of Claim 56 further comprising a metal chelating agent.

Claim 71. (New) The method of Claim 57 further comprising a metal chelating agent.